

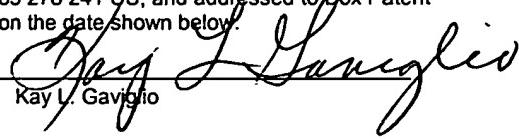
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For: Xylanase, MICORORGANISMS)
PRODUCING IT, DNA MOLECULES,)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This application is being filed as a divisional application of application serial number 08/470,953, filed June 6, 1995. Prior to the initial examination of the application, please enter the following preliminary amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the abstract of the disclosure with the following clean copy. The new abstract is also submitted on a separate sheet attached hereto along with a marked up version.

- The invention relates to an isolated and purified culture of *Bacillus* sp. strain 720/1

b1 (LMG P-14798); to xylanases obtained from this strain and xylanases obtained from